

BIATHLON FUNDRAISER POSTPONED

No new date set

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Last week, the U.S. Biathlon team fundraiser at the Blue Boar Inn, scheduled for Feb. 10, was postponed due to an organizer's family emergency. No date has been set for the \$200 per-plate, five-course dinner and silent auction at the four-star inn. Gov. Mike Leavitt was scheduled to attend.

While the dinner was unfortunately cancelled, some attendees still visited the Blue Boar to enjoy chef Jesse Layman's culinary skills and mingle with guests, including event speaker and

Adobe Systems founder John Warnock.

"Under terrible circumstances the event had to be postponed, but we're going to dress up and go have some of Jesse's food, anyway. The Warnocks and some other guests will still be there," said event volunteer Lisa Larsen. "We will set-up items for a silent auction and accept written auction requests. I hope to see this event happen because we were very excited about it."

Fundraiser details were printed in the Feb. 7 edition of the *Courier*. For additional information or to request notification of the rescheduled event, call (435) 654-1400.

THIS WEEK

in Wasatch County

Biathlon Fund Raiser

A fundraiser scheduled for last Saturday, Feb. 10, at Midway's Blue Boar Inn for the U.S. Biathlon Team was cancelled due to "unforeseen circumstances."

The fundraiser will be rescheduled.

According to a Blue Boar press release, the silent auction planned to accompany the fundraising dinner is still on. To bid on auction items, call the Blue Boar Inn at 654-1400.

The fundraising committee, headed by U.S. Biathlon Association director, Lyle Nelson, extends its appreciation to all who participated in the event.

A personal phone call will be made to all attendees.

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BY MISS ANNA

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Will It Be Worth It?

With a year to go, Wasatch Olympic organizers scrambling

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A year from today rental cars will clog Wasatch County roads, while its sidewalks will team with people speaking strange tongues. A festive party atmosphere — perhaps with an Old West flavor — will be the rule of the day along Main Streets in Midway and Heber. Giant television video screens called jumbotrons will likely be placed in Heber City Park and Midway Town Square to give locals a chance to watch the day's action at Soldier Hollow.

The 2002 Winter Olympic Games will be in high gear.

Residents will have opened their homes, and started swapping stories and sharing cultural lessons with foreign athletes, their families and coaches from around the world. Soldier Hollow, the busiest venue of the Games and last to be designated, will see an estimated 20,000 spectators a day for 17 days solid.

A year from today, the Games will be into their seventh day, long enough for Wasatch residents to know if it was worth it. If two bids, a bribery scandal, and three years of planning by their local officials, civic organizations, and

the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) was good enough to put on a fine show or just merely adequate. If the reality of being front and center to a worldwide audience was as much fun as the possibility.

"There should be a tremendous amount of fun...It's going to be a very busy place with many people going here and there. Lots of cars in the streets. People wearing colorful clothing...I expect the restaurants and the stores will be very busy," says Bob Mathis, Wasatch County's Olympic Coordinator.

It should come as no surprise

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Scenes like this one from last Thursday at the Gallivan Center will be commonplace a year from now.

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Five years after Salt Lake School Board stubbed its

toe by banning all non-academic clubs in district schools, clubs flourish again at East, West and Highland High Schools. At West, 12 new clubs include Young Democrats, Christian Youth Fellowship and Gay-Straight Alliance, first target of ban.



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then that those like Mathis who are on the front lines of planning the county's piece of Olympic action are upbeat and optimistic that they will pull it off. They are also downplaying impacts from the large crowds.

"Truthfully, the number of spectators that come to Soldier Hollow wouldn't even equal Swiss Days," on a per day basis, says Heber Mayor Lynn Adams, shrugging off any concern.

Others, like Britt Mathwich, manager of the Homestead Resort and chair of the Wasatch County Tourism Committee, compare the Olympics to the recent Nordic World Cup events at Soldier Hollow.

Mathis says it will be like a very busy summer weekend. He figures on top of the daily 20,000 spectators there will be another 6,000 people in community made up of media, athlete families, coaches and volunteers.

Nevertheless, underneath such optimism is the reality that there is still much to do. SLOC still must finalize the transportation and parking plans for the county. Housing for athletes and their families has to be found. Several dozen volunteers – at least – will be needed. In addition, Midway and Heber want to have nightly celebrations, but what those will look like or

how they will be coordinated has yet to be worked out.

"It's too early. Right now, we're trying to make it so there are no conflicts between Midway and Heber City," says civic leader Nelson Carter. The goal, he adds, is to establish a schedule so locals can attend one town's celebration one night without missing the other's party.

Most officials involved are quick to point out that those parties will be aimed at the locals first and foremost. As Carter puts it: "The locals pay the taxes. They are the ones that support us year round."

But Soldier Hollow will host a third of all events in 2002 – all of them Nordic. In much of Europe, Nordic events are watched with Super Bowl-like frenzy so organizers are hoping that at least a few of those 20,000 daily spectators will stick around for the nightly celebrations — and spend lots of money in the process.

"Should I tell you something terrible? I hope that for at least part of the Olympics there is an inversion in the [Salt Lake] Valley that sends people up here. That's a selfish thing to say," admits Adams.

The nightly celebrations will likely have an Old West theme running through them with cowboy poetry, Native American traditions and the Heber Valley's railroad past likely to take center stage much of the time, says Adams.

Other plans are falling into place as well. The state has offered to pay for upgrades to 250 West in Midway, the road leading into Soldier Hollow that the athletes will take. Reservists from the Army National Guard will make those improvements this summer. Plans are also being finalized to turn the sewer farms south fields at 2400 South into a temporary park and ride lot.

Both Adams and Mathis admit, however, that Wasatch County is behind the planning curve compared to its neighbor to the north, Summit County and Park City in particular. But Park City was involved from the very beginning even sending a delegation to Salt Lake City's first bid in 1991. SLOC has also designated Park City as the only other venue besides Salt Lake with the main celebrations. All of the other venues are left to their own devices. To top it all off, Soldier Hollow was only picked as the last venue three years ago.

"I think there are things we would have done different, especially with public works, if we had more time," says Mathis. "The late start made us run faster and harder." He admits looking at Park City's plans a bit wistfully. "I have been impressed with Park City's planning...their ambitions are huge."

So what will Wasatch County look like after the Games? Almost everyone interviewed for this article hoped the Games would spark tourism for the long haul bringing both an American and International clientele. Soldier Hollow and its newly constructed Day Lodge alone may pull that off.

Soldier Hollow will be one of only three Olympic Nordic venues in North America. With the success of recent World Cup competitions and next year's Games, Soldier Hollow's future should be assured, say organizers.

Mathis hopes for the same thing, but says it more articulately than anyone else. With the nation's slowing economy, Mathis thinks the Games are coming at just the right time and hopes they will offer the county a kind of buffer against economic downturns it's never had before.

"We still have children to educate and bridges to build, those things never go away."

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BOB MATHIS

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come over and let it loose and set the trap again. He didn't come that day, so I called again the following day. There was no way to feed the cat or give it water. The temperature outside was freezing. The cat's urine was frozen in the bottom of the trap. I called again Friday and again saw no one. I called again on Monday and Tuesday and left messages. The cat had been caged for a whole week with no food or water. There was finally a response on Wednesday. When Justin arrived the cat was dead. I did attempt to free the cat myself but it was angry and threatening and I was afraid of being attacked. I am not sure why John Gaily did not respond to the calls or why your officers distribute traps and then do not check them! I am wondering if this is the way that your animal control officers are supposed to treat the animals?

I have another complaint, too. I adopted a dog on 10-02-00. She was a very nice dog but had been left alone a lot so tried to escape constantly. I had visitors and someone was going outside and the dog just pushed past them and ran off with my other dog following. This was only three days after I had adopted the dog. I ran outside calling the dogs back, but to no avail.

there! For what? You tell me! Seniors in general are active people who bowl, ski, sing, paint, quilt, fish, read, snomobile, bike, garden, fly, race, run, swim, etc. Because they have the time and energy and want to enjoy what life they have left! They want to get out and do things and be with others with similar desires. We need an active, forward-looking group of New managers and volunteers to start the ball rolling. It will mean pushing I uphill at first but once over the top - watch out!

Lets shake up those in real charge of our Center to do some planning for us. You build it, we will come, or you're out, we will build it ourselves. It can't be worse than what we have now. Active, and I mean active, volunteers and paid personnel from any agency who have the desire to see an invigorated program for this facility if ours get off the ground, are surely needed. All you young timers who have the gumption to get involved will soon find a small group of people like yourselves who will need you, member or not, to back them in their endeavor to revitalize our facility. Let's aim dead center on our dead Center.

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